

Swanson lakes in the Basin in the 1940's and 1950's pursuant to the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program of the Flood Control Act of 1944. During this same period, the Corps of Engineers constructed Harlan County Lake and Milford Reservoir on the Republican River pursuant to the same authority. Only Milford Reservoir near the confluence of the Republican and Kansas rivers has no storage allocated to irrigation.

Prior to initiating construction on the individual projects, Reclamation negotiated and entered into long-term water service contracts with the irrigation districts. The initial long-term water service contracts were issued for 40-year terms, became effective upon completion of the respective projects, and began to expire in December of 1996.

The location of the reservoirs and irrigation districts within a common watershed and similar expiration dates for the water service contracts provided Reclamation an opportunity to evaluate the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of long-term water service contract renewal from a watershed perspective. Reclamation initiated its watershed analysis by preparing the RMA to identify water-related resources within the Basin, document their historic and existing conditions, identify resource trends and/or predict future conditions, propose goals and objectives for resource management, and provide a framework for development of the range of alternatives necessary for the comprehensive EIS. Much of the information gathered for, and incorporated into, the RMA will be used to prepare the draft EIS.

Prior to beginning the RMA, Reclamation held seven public information meetings in Nebraska and Kansas in March of 1995 to disseminate information about the environmental compliance and contract renewal processes and to identify existing sources of information, data gaps, and issues. Information obtained at these meetings helped identify concerns about resource management in the Basin, Indian trust assets, and data gaps which must be addressed during the NEPA compliance process.

An extensive range of management scenarios will be formulated for the RMA that are unconstrained by existing law or regulation. The initial range of management scenarios includes over 40 options and varies from no change from current management to optimizing deliveries of water for irrigation at the expense of other beneficial uses to optimizing reservoir management for fisheries and recreation at the expense

of irrigation to restoring the natural hydrograph to the degree possible under constraint of reduced base flows. All of the preliminary management scenarios will be evaluated in the RMA process through hydrologic modeling and other techniques to identify those scenarios which are considered feasible. It should be recognized that some of the management scenarios ultimately identified in the RMA may include actions beyond Reclamation's authority to implement. The RMA process will conclude with the identification of resource management goals and objectives and a broad range of feasible management scenarios. Further screening and evaluation during the environmental compliance process will produce an ultimate range of reasonable alternatives that will be considered and evaluated in detail in the EIS. Both the RMA and EIS will assess potential impacts to Indian trust assets.

A special edition of the *Republican River Roundup*, a public information newsletter, is available from Ms. Judy O'Sullivan at the above address. The special edition of the newsletter includes an abstract of the draft RMA, information concerning management scenarios under consideration, and sample graphs and tables found in the RMA. The draft RMA is expected to be completed and available for review and comment at the scoping meetings or from Ms. O'Sullivan in late March. A draft EIS is expected to be completed and available for review and comment early in 1997.

Anyone interested in additional information concerning the environmental compliance or water service contract renewal processes, having suggestions regarding significant environmental issues, or having input about concerns or issues related to Indian trust assets should contact Ms. Manning at the above address.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Corporation for Open Systems International

Notice is hereby given that, on June 21, 1995, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301

et seq. ("the Act"), Corporation for Open Systems International ("COS") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission reflecting changes in certain existing COS Executive Interest Groups ("EIGS") and the termination of an EIG. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. There are changes in three EIGS. First, the changes in the organizations participating in SNET Interoperability Forum ("The Forum"), an existing COS EIG, are as follows: Motorola, Inc., currently a COS member, became a member of The Forum, effective March 31, 1995; SunSoft, a division of Sun Microsystems, Mountain View, CA, became an Associate of The forum, effective May 17, 1995; Retix, an Associate of the Forum, transferred its membership to its subsidiary, Telegenics, Santa Monica, CA, effective April 19, 1995. Second, AT&T, a current COS member, became a member of Digital Video Home Terminal DVHT EIG, effective April 16, 1995. Third, the X.500 Integration Pilot Project, which was a COS EIG, was completed and terminated effective March 31, 1995.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of COS. Membership in COS remains open, and COS intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 14, 1986, COS filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 11, 1986 (51 FR 21260).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 31, 1995. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 28, 1995 (60 FR 33431).

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Joint Industry Underwater Welding Research and Development Program

Notice is hereby given that, on July 11, 1995, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Global Industries, Ltd. has filed written